



The Open Door
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Groceries Available from The Open Door Amid Inflation, Rising Gas Prices



The Open Door Fulfillment Center Coordinator Katherine Aparo Rask checks produce inventory.

(Photo Courtesy of The Open Door)

GLOUCESTER— As inflation rises and food and fuel costs continue to climb, The Open Door is stepping up with increased food resources through its two food pantries and food programs.

“Over the past few weeks, with world conflict threatening the market and spiking the basic costs of living, we have seen a steady uptick in people requesting food through our pantries,” President and CEO Julie LaFontaine said. “As households brace for an economic shift compounded by the sunset of COVID-related benefits and supports, we want people in our community to know that free groceries are just a call, a click, or a visit away.”

In 2021, The Open Door helped stabilize the lives and health of **8,516 people** from **4,176 households** through the distribution of **1.83 million pounds** of food.

Below are programs and services available through The Open Door:

Ipswich Community Food Pantry

00 Southern Heights, Ipswich MA 01938

W-TH 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New clients and those returning after more than 2 years can create an online shopping profile at FOODPANTRY.org/newshopper or call 978-283-6776. The Open Door aims to process new profiles within one business day.

Active clients can place orders at FOODPANTRY.org/order or call 978-283-6776. Translation services are available in many languages.

Groceries available for pick-up. Limited delivery available.

If you need food TODAY, visit the Ipswich Community Food Pantry during business hours for basic groceries. Ordering online or by phone for pick-up or delivery within 3-4 business days allows you more choice and access to our full inventory.

The Open Door Food Pantries serve Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Rowley, and Boxford.

SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance

One-on-one, confidential prescreening for SNAP eligibility, application, recertification, & interim report assistance. Department of Transitional Assistance advocacy support.

Contact The Open Door SNAP office at 978-283-6776 ext. 201 or snap@foodpantry.org.

Information about additional programs and resources available at FOODPANTRY.org.

About The Open Door

The mission of The Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community. We use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security.

Founded in 1978, The Open Door is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit and community food resource center for low-income residents of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton, Boxford, Rowley, Topsfield, and Wenham. In 2021, The Open Door

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For more information, visit [FOODPANTRY.org](https://www.foodpantry.org).

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